Maps of Greece, Epirus and Macedonia from the Times of Homer to the 6th Century AD

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Map 6

Map of Achaia/Hellas, Peloponnesus, Crete, Macedonia, and Epirus
2nd century AD
Source : Ptolemy's "Geography"

GRAECIA/HELLAS	***PELOPONNESUS***
EPIRUS	***CRETA***
MACEDONIA	

This map shows Achaia/Hellas, Peloponnesus, Crete, Macedonia, and Epirus, during the 2nd century AD, according to Ptolemy's "Geography".

Ptolemy wrote during the 2nd century AD. The primary interest of Ptolemy in his "Geography" was to list the latitudinal and longitudinal coordinates of known locations. Furthermore, the latitudinal and longitudinal coordinates mentioned by him were mostly inaccurate due to errors in his sources. For those reasons, the "Geography" contains many errors. As an example of his errors, he puts the Thessalians (Thessali) where the Aenianes should be. He also puts Elimiotis further to the west although it should be where the Elimiotae are placed by him. In addition, he puts the Pelagones where Paeonia should be.

This map should be consulted with precaution. Check Map 8 for a more accurate description of the situation during this period.

Selective Latin-English Index

All names on the maps are in Latin. This index shows the corresponding English forms of the most frequent names.

Achaei = Achaeans
Aetoli = Aetolians
Arcades = Arcadians
Athenae = Athens
Athenienses = Athenians
Boeoti = Boeotians
Cares = Cares
Cares = Carians
Daesi = Dassaretes
Dolopes = Dolopians
Elei = Eleans
Epirotae = Epirots
Euboeenses = Euboeans
Graeci = Hellenes, Greeks
Graecia = Hellas, Greece
Hellas = Hellas, Greece
Hellenes = Hellenes, Greeks
Iaones, Ionies = Ionians
Illyrii = Illyrians
Insulae = Islands
Lacedaemonii = Lacedaemonians
Lacones = Laconians
Locri = Locrians
Macedones = Macedonians
Macedonia = Macedonia
Meliesi = Melesians
Paeones = Paeonians
Pelagi = Pelagians
Phocenses = Phocaeans
Romani = Romans
Thessali = Thessalians
Thraces = Thracians
Troes = Trojans
Troia = Troy

Common Legend For All Maps

Lands :

GRAECIA	1st level land
Thessaliae	2nd level land = part of 1st level land
[Hestiaeotis]	3rd level land = part of 2nd level land
ACHAIA	province (type of 1st level lands)
	= division of the Roman Empire
Pindus	mountain
Rhodus	island
Athenae	town, village or port

Waters :

Axius	river, marsh, lake or sea

Peoples :

GRAECI	1st level people
Aetoli	2nd level people = part of 1st level people
[Eurytanes]	3rd level people = part of 2nd level people
———	borders between peoples / borders between lands
.....	maritime borders of Roman provinces